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## MYSTERY IN DEATH OF TWO.

Suspected Poisoning in Death  
of Two Children of Mrs.

Hughes.

OFFICIALS ARE  
INVESTIGATING.

Alleged Ptomaine Poisoning,  
But Officials Believe Drink-  
ing Water Poisoned.

The death of two children, the serious illness of a third, and the less serious illness of the mother and her daughters, all alleged to be due to ptomaine poisoning, caused by eating canned salmon, developed mysterious features here in the cases of Mrs. Zaidée Hughes and grandchildren, Wednesday.

The victims of the poison are: Llewellyn Hughes, aged fourteen, son of Mrs. Zaidée Hughes; died in Massie Hospital.

C. L. Hughes, Jr., son of C. L. Hughes, and nephew of Llewellyn Hughes, aged eleven months.

Rawleigh Hughes, six years old, son of Mrs. Zaidée Hughes; critically ill, not expected to recover.

Mrs. Zaidée Hughes seriously ill but will recover.

Blanche Hughes, aged twelve years, daughter of Mrs. Zaidée Hughes; seriously ill but will recover.

In addition to the poisoning of the three children, the adults of the family were also more or less sick during the past week, Mr. Hughes being ill for a few hours, his mother, Mrs. L. Hughes, and his sister, Miss Blanche Hughes, also being attacked, but have now recovered.

All of the members of the family who lived with Mrs. Zaidée Hughes' eldest son, C. L. Hughes, were taken ill Sunday night following supper. Llewellyn Hughes and C. L. Hughes, Jr., were the most seriously affected, but all who were stricken were rushed to the Massie Hospital, where every effort was made to save their lives.

Llewellyn and C. L. Hughes, Jr., died within a few hours of each other, and Rawleigh Hughes is still in a critical condition.

It was at first thought that the well on the place was responsible for the trouble, but later it was found that only those who had eaten the canned salmon had been made ill.

Examinations were made by physicians into every possible source of food and water supply which could have caused the poisoning, the children showing marked indications of arsenic poisoning, it is stated. The water of the cistern fell under suspicion, and samples of it were sent to the Experiment Station at the State University for analysis.

At the Experiment Station in Lexington, it was stated that the attending physicians in the Hughes case, after an autopsy, had brought the stomach of the children to Lexington for examination as to the cause of death, but that the station was not equipped to make examinations of this kind in a way that their findings would be conclusive, and hence did not undertake the examination.

The body of Llewellyn Hughes was taken to Elizaville Wednesday for burial. He was a bright, manly boy and had innumerable friends here.

The police and other officials who are working on the case are inclined to the theory that poison was placed in the drinking water by the family. A negro woman who had been employed in the family, and whose name is known to the police, had been discharged, and went away threatening to get even.

The affair is shrouded in mystery, but it is hoped that it will soon be cleared up.

Mrs. Zaidée Hughes is a sister of Mr. Perry McCord, of Paris, and is the grandmother of the two dead children, and mother of C. L. Hughes, Sr., and Llewellyn Hughes.

Experiments were made on dogs yesterday with the water suspected of being poisoned, and had the effect of rendering them very sick.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The City Council met in regular session last night with Mayor Hinton presiding, and five of the seven members present.

A sewer was ordered built from Cypress Street and Virginia Avenue to Twelfth Street.

The tax levy for the ensuing year was fixed at \$1.50 on each \$100 worth of taxable property in the city as follows: 75c for general fund; 45c for Public School; 4c for Public Library; 4c for Massie Memorial Hospital; 22c for Sinking Fund.

An ordinance was passed compelling property owners living on Main, between Tenth Street and the East Paris bridge to make all sewer, gas and water connections prior to June 22d, at which time the work of resurfacing Main Street will begin. All connections not made by that time will be barred. The ordinance in full appears in another column of this issue.

## GAMBEY SENTENCED

Negro Assailant of Miss Jennie Kiser Sentenced to Pen  
For Seven Years.

The record for quick justice was made in the Bourbon Circuit Court yesterday when Wm. Gamby, the negro assailant of Miss Jennie Kiser was arraigned, plead guilty, convicted and sentenced in twenty minutes and less than an hour later was behind the grim walls of the Frankfort prison.

Gamby, who had been taken to the Lexington jail for safe keeping, on account of the intense feeling against him in the city and county, was brought here yesterday morning from Lexington in an automobile by Deputy Sheriff Ollie Marshall, and was taken through the side entrance of the court house to the Circuit Court room.

Gamby had been indicted by the grand jury on Tuesday.

When arranged for trial he plead guilty; the trial Judge gave peremptory instructions to the jury; the jury returned a verdict in a few moments; Judge Stout sentenced him to an indeterminate term of from four to seven years in the Frankfort Reformatory. Five minutes later he was hurried to the waiting automobile, and in charge of Sheriff Marshall was rushed to Frankfort, where he was received in less than an hour after being sentenced.

The whole proceedings were carried out so swiftly that but few persons on the street knew what was going on.

On Friday afternoon, May 29, Gamby was arrested near Kisereton, by Sheriffs Talbot and Marshall and Jailer Farris on a charge of attempted assault upon Miss Jennie Kiser, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kiser, of Kisereton.

The negro had climbed on the back of Miss Kiser's buggy at the Peacock, while the young woman, who was returning from school, was reading a magazine. The negro remained on the buggy until a secluded place on the road was reached, a steep cliff overhanging the creek, full of undergrowth and trees, when he sprang down and attempted to drag the young girl from the buggy. Miss Kiser fought him off as best she could and her screams brought assistance. Gamby was traced from point to point, was finally placed under arrest and hurried to Paris, where after hearing that he would be surely lynched if he remained, the officials hurried him to Lexington for safe keeping.

### FINAL NOTICE.

Beginning Monday, June 15, bakery goods not paid for on delivery will be returned by the driver. This kind of business if not discontinued will necessitate the employment of a bookkeeper, which would be unprofitable for these small charges.

Respectfully,  
(12-11) HENRY GROSCHKE.

### ARMY WORMS IN MERCER.

Millions of army worms have made their appearance in the eastern part of Mercer County in the past few days and are literally destroying all kinds of crops.

## BECKHAM VICTORY NOW ASSURED.

Many of Stanley's Supporters  
See the Handwriting On  
The Wall.

FRANKFORT, KY., June 11.—With the Senatorial election only a short time off Mr. Stanley's friends here and in other parts of the State seem about ready to give up and concede Beckham's nomination. They say there is no use concealing the fact that Beckham seems to be growing in strength, while Mr. Stanley and Gov. McCreary seem to be losing every day. A prominent Democrat from Western Kentucky was in Frankfort this week and he said in his county, which adjoins Mr. Stanley's, that all at once the Beckham band wagon filled and the Democrats are still scrambling to get on. He said a few weeks ago Mr. Stanley seemed to have a fair chance to carry the county, but there was an overnight change and now Beckham will carry it by a good majority.

He said in talking to leading Democrats from Western Kentucky he found the same thing true of other counties. It seems to be generally conceded that Beckham is going to win. That is the way Democrats from all parts of the State talk in Frankfort, and they say he can poll 20,000 more votes in November than any of his opponents. This seems to be the opinion among Democrats who visit the capital.

### BECKHAM LEADS IN WOLFE.

CAMPTON, KY., June 11.—The race for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator in the primary August 1, seems rather to be one-sided as far as this county is concerned.

## PARIS MAY HAVE OHIO LEAGUE TEAM.

President Read, of Ohio

League, Visits Paris with

View of Placing Team.

WANTS NEWPORT  
TRANSFERRED.

Confers With Prominent Local Fans and Thinks

Paris Is Sure Shot.

A special from Newport to the daily papers Tuesday, said:

"A meeting of stockholders of the Newport Club of the Ohio State League will be held Friday night, when a decision will be made as to the transfer of the franchise and club to either Paris or Frankfort, Ky., or Lancaster, O. Receipts at Newport have fallen beneath the expectations of the owners and the proposition of the citizens of the above towns have met the approval of the local club owners."

The entry of Paris into the Ohio State League, of which Lexington and Maysville are members, can be forecasted with a reasonable degree of certainty. It is proposed to make make Paris the home of the Newport Club, that, owing to the Cincinnati National influence, has not been supported properly by the people who for years had complained that they were barred unjustly from organized baseball.

Robert W. Reed, President of the Ohio League, came to Paris Thursday and was given information on what Paris has done and may be expected to do toward the proper maintenance of a professional baseball proposition. He will recommend to-day at a meeting in Newport that a transfer to Paris will be the proper thing for the directors of the company to order.

Not bankrupt, by any means, is the club that no doubt is destined for Paris. The league president did not start a hat-passing campaign while here. It was his wish to relocate the team in a community where good base ball is appreciated in the right way. If the change is made Lexington will be the closest rival for Paris. Maysville is the second closest point. Chillicothe, Portsmouth and Ironton are the Ohio cities in the circuit, which includes Charleston and Huntington, of West Virginia.

This season is the seventh for the league of which Paris is likely to become a member. It ranks high in its class and has graduates on teams of both major and class AA leagues. A shift of the Newport club means that Parisians will see better base ball than has ever been provided for them. In case the contemplated deal is made the inaugural series in Paris will be played on June 20 and 21, with Huntington's club as the visiting one.

During his visit Mr. Reed inspected the local ball park and expressed himself as greatly pleased with its location and its playing possibilities.

The Newport team is amply guaranteed financially and the transfer here is sought because it was President Reed's natural preference. He had learned that Paris was considered one of the best baseball towns in the State, and gave it first and only consideration.

## LOOKS GOOD

TO MR. THOMAS

Bourbon County Candidate

Pleased With the Outlook In Race.

### MR. THOMAS PLEASED.

"Hon. C. M. Thomas, of Paris, candidate for Congress from the Seventh Congressional District, passed through Winchester Tuesday afternoon en route to his home in Paris, from Irvine, where he spoke that morning. While here between trains Mr. Thomas consulted with several friends in regard to the outlook for his candidacy in Clark County and stated that he was very much pleased with the conditions over the district. Mr. Thomas will wage an active campaign in the interest of his candidacy from now until the primary in August."—[Winchester Democrat.]

### SCOTT COUNTY THOMAS CLUB.

"Recognizing that the issues in the present contest between Hon. Claude M. Thomas, of Bourbon County, and Hon. J. C. Cantrill, of this county, for the Democratic nomination for Congress are paramount to any matters of personal feeling for or against the two candidates, that element of the Democratic party in Scott County who can not subscribe to Mr. Cantrill's attitude on the liquor question, and who are opposed to his past and

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